

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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On Monday evening, July 4, 2005, the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) will host its annual Marina del Rey 4th of July Fireworks Show to celebrate America's Independence Day. The twenty-minute show, starting at 9 p.m., will feature a brilliant display of fireworks launched from a floating barge anchored in the Marina's main channel.

This annual event serves residents, visitors and boaters from Marina del Rey, neighboring cities and the entire Los Angeles area. It is estimated that an average of 25,000 people fill the Marina to enjoy a fun and relaxing waterside celebration of our national holiday. These huge crowds also serve to give a large boost to many businesses, including hotels and restaurants, given that there are no other major 4th of July fireworks shows in the area that can accommodate crowds of this size. Huge crowds should be expected due to budget expenses as well as the numerous prohibitions on fireworks throughout many cities in Los Angeles County.

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The large number of visitors both entering and leaving the Marina on the 4th of July has always presented major traffic and public safety challenges that require additional personnel from other agencies. The City of Los Angeles has provided personnel from its Police and Transportation Departments for the outlying areas around the Marina, while the California Highway Patrol (CHP) has lent the assistance of its units in Marina del Rey itself. Though in past years these agencies have waived their fees, this year the Department has been unsuccessful in obtaining a waiver of traffic and emergency management service fees, due apparently to budget cuts and new regulations within the Los Angeles City and California State governments.

The CHP has submitted its estimated service fees in the amount of \$12,713. The L.A. City Police and Transportation Departments have separately estimated their service costs at \$44,131 and \$36,252. Combined fees total \$93,096, which may go even higher depending upon, for instance, the actual resources required, as well as unforeseen or emergency circumstances. If the L.A. City Council declines to approve the waiver request already submitted, then the Department will be responsible for guaranteeing payment of all these fees in advance of the 4th of July. This is the first time in the history of these fireworks celebrations that the County will have to pay these types of fees for services from these agencies.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors approve payment of fees in advance, if necessary, to the CHP and the City of Los Angeles for their traffic and emergency management services for the Marina del Rey 4th of July Fireworks Show,

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which fees are currently estimated at \$93,096 and that the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors be authorized to sign all necessary agreements with these agencies for these services, as well as to pay cost overruns up to 10% above this estimated amount.

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